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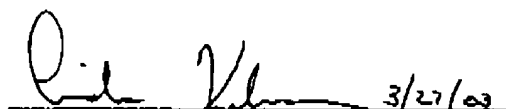
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C. F. R. 1.116

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 27, 2002, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record are requested. Inasmuch as this response is accompanied by a Request for Continuing Examination and the appropriate fees, this amendment is being filed in a timely manner. Please amend the claims as follows and consider the ensuing remarks below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel existing claim 3 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

Please amend existing claims 1 and 12 as follows (A clean copy of the claims appears below and a marked up copy is in the Appendix):

1. (Twice Amended) A process for the liquid phase production of cumene which comprises the step of contacting benzene and propylene under liquid phase alkylating conditions with a particulate molecular sieve alkylation catalyst to produce cumene, wherein the molecular sieve of the alkylation catalyst is selected from the group consisting of MCM-22, PSH-3, SSZ-25, MCM-36, MCM-49, and